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6 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
7 WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON
AT SEATTLE

8 HENRY JAMES,

9 Plaintiff,

10 v.

11 FPI MANAGEMENT, INC., et al.,

12 Defendants.

CASE NO. C18-998RSM

MINUTE ORDER

13 The following MINUTE ORDER is made by direction of the Court, the Honorable
14 Ricardo S. Martinez, Chief United States District Judge:

15 On September 16, 2019, the Court received two filings from Plaintiff. Dkts. #63 and #64.
16 The Court interprets both as motions for the extension of deadlines. The first is a Motion for
17 Extension to Conduct Discovery – Change of Address. Dkt. #63. The Motion seeks to extend
18 certain discovery deadlines previously set by the Court and to update Plaintiff’s mailing address.
19 *Id.* The second is a letter request for the Court to excuse any late filing of the Motion. Dkt. #64.
20 The Court recounts the relevant background and proceeds as follows.

21 The Court previously set August 30, 2019 as the “[d]eadline for filing motions related to
22 discovery” and September 30, 2019 as the deadline for completing discovery. Dkt. #53 at 1. On
23 August 29, 2019, Plaintiff mailed his Motion to this Court seeking a 45-day extension to the
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1 deadline for completing discovery and changing his mailing address. Dkt. #63 at 1–3. The filing
2 was stamped received by the Clerk on September 3, 2019 but was not filed because it did not
3 contain the correct case number. Instead, the Motion was mailed back to Plaintiff at his old, and
4 now incorrect, address. Dkt. #64. This delayed Plaintiff’s receipt of the mailing until September
5 11, 2019. *Id.* That same day, Plaintiff drafted and executed his letter notifying the Court of the
6 reasons for its untimely receipt of his Motion and requesting relief. *Id.*

7 Under these circumstances, the Court finds good cause to grant Plaintiff relief from the
8 August 30, 2019 filing deadline for motions related to discovery. FED. R. CIV. P. 16(b)(4).
9 Accordingly, the Court grants¹ Plaintiff’s letter request (Dkt. #64) and finds his Motion (Dkt.
10 #63) timely filed. However, the Court requires responses from defendants to properly consider
11 Plaintiff’s Motion. The Court therefore sets forth the following briefing schedule:

- 12 1. Defendants’ response(s), if any, shall be filed and served no later than September 25,
13 2019.
- 14 2. Plaintiff’s reply, if any, shall be mailed no later than October 2, 2019.
- 15 3. The Clerk shall note Plaintiff’s Motion (Dkt. #63) for the Court’s consideration on
16 October 4, 2019.
- 17 4. All other applicable rules remain in effect.
- 18 5. The Clerk shall mail Plaintiff a copy of this Minute Order at his current mailing address.

19 Dated this 18 day of September, 2019.

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21 WILLIAM McCOOL, Clerk

22 By: /s/ Paula McNabb
23 Deputy Clerk

24 ¹ The Court finds that a response from defendants is unnecessary to its resolution of this request.